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WAINSCOTT NAMED IDHS TRAINING DIRECTOR

Indianapolis – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) announced today Joe Wainscott as Director of IDHS Division of Training. Wainscott joins IDHS after serving as the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the United States Attorney Office, Southern District of Indiana.

As Director of IDHS Division of Training, Wainscott will oversee development of training and certification for Indiana's first responders, including emergency services personnel.

"The experiences and lessons learned Joe brings to IDHS, both in training and law enforcement, will prove to be invaluable to his division and the entire department," said J. Eric Dietz, Executive Director of IDHS. "I know his skills and talents will help make homeland security training in Indiana top notch and an example to other states."

As the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office, Wainscott served as a liaison between the office and federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies in the southern two-thirds of Indiana. He also had responsibilities in public safety training, terrorism, asset forfeiture, and federally funded crime suppression initiatives such as Weed and Seed and Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Wainscott, a twenty-three year veteran of the Indiana State Police (ISP), is a certified Indiana Law Enforcement Academy instructor and possesses a national certification in school safety leadership from the National School Safety Center.

In addition to Wainscott, IDHS leadership includes Division of Emergency Response Director Phil Roberts, a veteran of over 30 years in emergency management; Division of Planning Director Cliff Wojtalewicz, a former professor of Military Science and Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army; Division of Fire and Building Safety Director and State Fire Marshal Roger Johnson, a former fire chief with over 40 years experience in fire services; and, Division of Fire and Building Safety Deputy Director and Deputy State Fire Marshal, Mike Garvey, a veteran of over 25 years in emergency medical services.

"With Joe's addition to IDHS, we now have resources with extensive experience in law enforcement, emergency management, military planning, fire services and emergency medical services," added Dietz. "The skills IDHS' leadership possesses will help us develop and execute comprehensive plans and training to achieve and maintain a high level of preparedness for Indiana to respond and recover from any event."

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